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Federal Do-Not-Call List Registration Open

Senator encourages residents to sign up to ban nuisance phone calls

LANSING — Michigan residents will be afforded another tool to use in the fight against receiving telemarketing calls Senator Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) said today. With more than 10 million people signing up to end the unwanted calls in the first four days of online registration, consumers will now have the option to register by phone for the Federal Trade Commission's national "Do-Not-Call" list that begins Monday, July 7.

"I have received many complaints from my constituents in regard to unwanted phone calls from companies that they have never done business with," Hammerstrom said. "The new federal list will help protect Michigan residents from receiving these types of calls."

Anyone interested in adding their names to the do-not-call list may do so by calling the FTC's toll-free phone number, 1-888-382-1222. Online registration is also available by visiting the FTC website, located at www.donotcall.gov. Enrollment is free.

The Michigan Legislature passed a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do-Not-Call list in 2002 in an effort to provide relief to Michigan residents from the nuisance calls. Hammerstrom added that lawmakers recognized that a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and recommended the adoption of a federal list when Michigan's was created.

Senator Hammerstrom also cautioned consumers from being the targets of any scams involving the national "Do-Not-Call" registry.

"Registration for the federal "Do-Not-Call" list is available only through the Federal Trade Commission and is free," Hammerstrom said. "Consumers should know that registration is not available through private companies, no matter what they may promise. We have been notified that there are companies

who are taking advantage of the widespread interest in the Registry in order to make a profit.”

For more information on how to register for the list or how to avoid a “Do-Not-Call” scam, please contact Senator Hammerstrom’s office at 1-888-477-8238.

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